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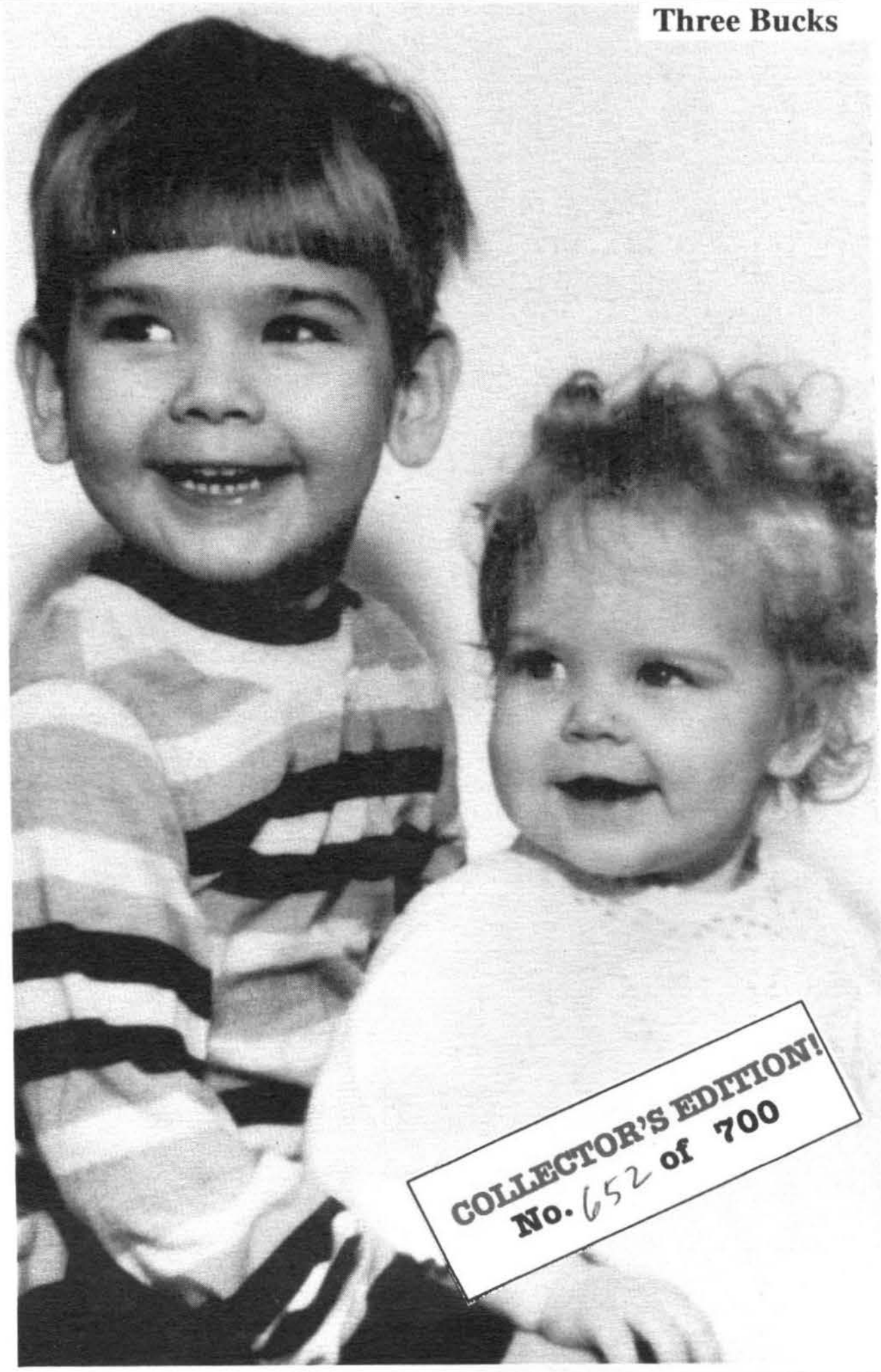

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The *Cooool*-lector's Issue

I suspect I'm the only one collecting my own fanzine, which means I've got a goldmine sitting in the bathroom magazine rack. I've been collecting stuff since I was about five, mostly the useless variety [see chart, next page]. In fact, I'm a major loser as a collector. Say my buddies were into baseball cards; I'd collect football cards to be *different*. Now I'm different: I'm not counting the money I would have made had I not been such a dumb fuck.

The Cleaner has been receiving some recognition lately, although I could care less, because the memory of all the money I blew collecting junk has put me in a sour mood. It's also Friday night and I'm writing this instead of out there collecting Rolling Rock tabs. Plus Matt W. sends me this grumpy essay [see below] which is total bull, cause if you've ever been to the apartment he can't hardly move cause of all his Hummels. Anyway, the Cleaner will soon be excerpted in Harper's[1] and material from these pages has been seen in Playboy[2], the Nose[3] and alternative weeklies in Tampa, Chicago and Michigan[4]. Collect 'em all. We've also gotten some nice reviews and letters. Factsheet Five considers us "really hilarious." XYY[5] says we're "funny and easy to read." The Nancy Mauerman Newsletter calls us "enormously entertaining.... This is a guy I want to meet." And a valued subscriber in Switzerland writes that he's "always amazed at the variety and humor." Thank you all.

I got to thinking about collecting because I don't really collect anything anymore, but I used to keep everything. It just seems easier as you get older to grab a garbage bag one Saturday afternoon and clean the damned closet right out. In fact, that's how this publication got its name: I'd go home every summer from college[6] and look into my closet and roll my eyes at all the crap I had. Out went all the fourth grade math papers, the brochures I got from the state of Montana as a class assignment in sixth grade, the ribbons I won in YMCA swim meets[7]; and the dried leaves I pasted into one of my dad's college notebooks. And that was just for starters.

Digging through my closet was as much a spiritual exercise as a practical one. I would turn each item over in my hands and ask myself if I was going to wake up in the middle of the night kicking myself for throwing it out. Now I can't

Why Collecting Sucks

By Matt Wolka

I neither collect nor think highly of people who do. When you look beyond the insipid ego masturbation of having the largest or most unique collection of something, the hobby becomes a dead water eddy on the river of consumerism. The claim of preserving history is a cop-out: creation and destruction make history, not collection. Collectors only make history when they appear in Chuck Shepherd's "News of the Weird" column or when they write books about themselves, like Malcolm Forbes did. If those who fail to study history are doomed to repeat it, those who collect history are doomed to be left out of it.

Let's examine the two types of collecting and the fatal flaws of each:

Collecting usable objects The rarer of the two. Usable object collectors ignore the purpose of the items they collect, thus reducing their impact on society. A good example: the Cabbage Patch Doll. Many collectors bought them and never opened them, expecting the value to increase. Every child who did not receive one, and therefore has no memories of enjoying the doll, will be less inclined to become an adult collector and purchase one. When the collector removed the doll from its purpose, the doll became nothing but cloth and plastic and will remain so until some little girl or boy buys it at the thrift store.

Collecting useless objects Most collections fall into this category. Often, the object had a purpose, was used for its purpose, and then fell into the hands of a collector who stashed it in a box in the attic. This is all harmless fun but really a waste of space. Once an object has made its impact on history (i.e. is consumed), we may destroy it without fear of losing that impact. Coca-Cola changes their bottle shapes every few years, but the shape of the bottle in 1957 is only important in the effect it had on the shape of the bottle today. Items such as baseball cards stand as the most heinous examples of this category: produced solely for collectors, they provide no useful purpose in society.

Collecting can be a valid hobby: If you collect beer cans and then make furniture out of them, you have participated in the creative/destructive process. Collectors need to make the move to "use" instead of "save" in order to get more out of their hobby than cocktail lounge chatter. ✍

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1. "Hail the Size of God" No. 7; 2. "Inside the Weirdo Lobby," No. 4; 3. Ibid.; 4. "We Love Your Product: Send Us Money," No. 7; 5. You scratch my back, I'll scratch yours. See glowing review of XYY on page 18; 6. After reading Henry David Thoreau's "Walden"; 7. I never placed better than third.

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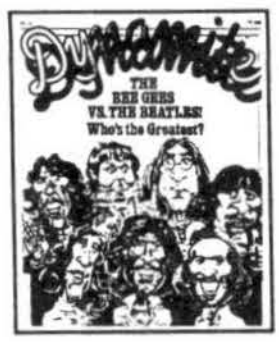

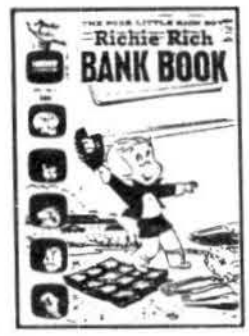

One Man's Junk Is...Another Man's Junk Plus His Own Junk

Item	# I Had	Age	Value?	Whatever Became Of?
Reader's Digest	213	12	Zip.	Tossed.
Dynamite	55	8	Negotiable.	Piled in my old bedroom at parents' home in Michigan.
Football cards	504	8-13	$15	Sold to friend Todd, who owns a sports memorabilia shop.
Richie Rich comics	1124	8-17	$300	Sold with classified ad in comics magazine.
Mad	70	8-18	$150	Sold to woman for her kid's Xmas present.
National Geographic	111	10-15	None.	Traded to neighbor for pirated computer software.
Stamps	21	14	$2	Lame present from my uncle; stored in strong box with passport.
LPs	98	8-25	$67	Sold to record store and summer campers; gave rest to library.
Buttons	64	8-22	64 cents	Still pinned to old t-shirt in closet in room at parents' home.

even remember anything I tossed. Just goes to show you. Part of the reason I enjoyed cleaning my closet was I remembered all the relatives at my great grandfather's house with their U-Hauls after he died[8] and all the stuff that got pitched in the dumpster[9]. Saving a bunch of mementos hardly seems worth the effort knowing your kids are gonna send it to the Salvation Army when you're out of the way. And let's face it, unless you're famous, who's gonna ever want your kindergarten numbers exercises? At some point, we decide we just don't need the baggage. My theory is that collecting stuff is like trying to find anchors to keep you from slipping toward, well, death. The whole leaving-something-behind theory. "He never did much with his life, but he left a lotta paperwork and trinkets in shoeboxes under his bed. He was a good man."

Looking at my inventory from the past two decades, it could have been worse. Consider what some people have collected, according to the books I've gathered of weird-but-true news[10]: dirty diapers; plastic airplane windows; college students' shoes[11]; women's glasses[12]; snippets of hair[13]; photos of feet; chunks of concrete; an assortment of live and dead cats; breast milk[14]; bags of garbage; and library books. And, oh yeah, when Jack Crain of Watsonville, California, died recently in his trailer home, authorities found 4,000 model-car kits stacked floor to ceiling. And Lowell Davis of Savannah, Missouri, by 1991 had collected 4,139 signatures in his project, "How Many People Do You Meet in Your Lifetime?" And Christian Sanderson, who died in 1966 and had so much shit that his house in Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania, is now a museum with everything from a piece of a plane that crashed into the Empire State Building to the match Sanderson used to light the candles on his 60th birthday cake to the shoelaces he was wearing when he saw Harry S. Truman sworn in as president.[15] Chris, we salute you! You were a good man. ✍

Crazed Sex Pervert—Or Dedicated Collector?

From the Morality in Media Newsletter, September/October 1993

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ESCALATION

8. George Butler Hopkins (1886-1973); 9. I saved a Scrabble game I found in the attic; 10. "News of the Weird," "More...", "Beyond..."; 11. Stolen from the library during study breaks; 12. Snatched off their faces on city streets; 13. Snipped from behind in movie theaters; 14. The guy posed as a doctor; 15. "Homage to the Ultimate Pack Rat," Insight, January 21, 1991, p. 61.

Sheer Collecting Madness!

We surveyed 15 people across the nation[1] who collect unusual items. Here they reveal their innermost thoughts about their secret lusts for oddball bits of Americana—lusts that can never be satisfied!

Frog Items

Name Merelaine Haskett **Group** International Frog Collectors Club **Members** 300 **Newsletter** Ribbit, Ribbit ($17/year) **Total Items** 1,500 **How began?** I wrote a research paper on frogs in college in 1961 and a friend gave me a frog that attached to your car's brake lights and the red eyes lit up. My friends began calling me "Froggy" as a term of endearment. **What happens when I die** My brothers and nephews and niece may have it as part of their inheritance, much to their dismay. **How stored** I have them perched in various bookcases and window sills and hanging from doorway frames in my living room, hall and kitchen. **Anecdote** I learned of the Frog Fantasies Frog Museum and Gift Shop in Eureka Springs, Arkansas, where we hold our annual convention. The museum holds over 6,000 pieces of "frog art." It also has a small frog pond outdoors on the museum grounds that is named after me! **Where find?** The best place is Frog Fantasies. There is an antique dealer I met who finds a frog for me now and then, such as a 1900 Christmas tree frog bulb. **Ever collect anything else?** As a child, I collected stamps. I also collect angels and rubber stamps. **What do people say?** *Why* frogs? **Life Lessons** "Frog friends" are very generous, considerate, and fun loving, with a sense of humor that many collectors of other items simply don't have. **If starting over** Maybe teapots. **Cost?** Some years I've spent $600 to $800, others only $100. **Info** POB 193, Beech Grove, IN 46107

Planters Items

Name Joyce Spontak **Group** Associated Collectors of Planters Memorabilia **Members** 750 **Newsletter** Peanut Pals ($20/year) **Total Items** 2,000 **How began?** My grandmother sent away for a plastic Mr. Peanut bank for each grandchild in 1957. Thirty years later, I found my second Mr. Peanut item and began really searching. **Favorite** The bank. Also have a papier-resin Mr. Peanut Roaster Rider from a long-closed Atlantic City peanut store. It's worth $2,000. My daughter, Christine, made me a Mr. Peanut when she was 11. **When I die** I'll take it with me. **How stored** Everything is located in the Peanut Museum Room. It is all catalogued on my computer and videotape. **Anecdote** When we were first collecting, we happened upon an out of the way store. Every booth had something with Mr. Peanut. Every 10 minutes we would look at each other and say, "Wow!" **Where find?** Peanut Pals conventions or people call. **People say** Everyone thinks I'm "nutty," but then, "everyone loves a nut" (Planters slogan). **Life Lessons** Never lose enthusiasm for collecting, or life. Also, your kids may grow up and leave home, but Mr. Peanut is always there, giving us a sense of pride. **What item could someone give you to make you a friend for life?** A red, white and blue plastic bank or an electric Mr. Peanut who taps his cane on the window. **If starting over** No. This is more than collecting, it's a passion. **Cost?** Enough to make a dent in the national debt. **Info** 804 Hickory Grade Rd., Bridgeville, PA 15017

Bricks

Name Barb Brownlee **Group** International Brick Collectors Association **Members** 500 **Newsletter** Journal of the IBCA ($15/year) **Total Items** 4,000 **How began?** My husband Bill and I began in 1980. We were in Lawrence, Kansas, and found a brick in his father's garden. **Favorite** "Don't Spit on Sidewalk" brick and the historical Anderson Home in Liberty, Missouri, *brick from the 1800s.* **When I die** It's a very heavy hobby. When we moved, it cost more to move the bricks than all our household furniture. We plan to put them into our patio. **Anecdote** We love to tell stories about liberating bricks. When hunting bricks you are

1. The following groups did not respond to our questionnaire and kept the dollar we sent 'em: Petroliana Collectors Association, Toothpick Bulletin, Seal, Label and Rubber Band Society, National Insulators Association.

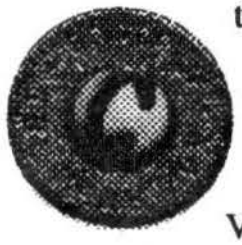
usually in a rather rundown area of a city and strange people are wondering what you are up to. **Where find?** Where the city is digging up a water line or any old dump or railroad stations or the stockyards. Any town where they have not replaced streets or sidewalks with cement. **Life Lessons** If you think you are the only one collecting a certain thing, there is always someone else out there thinking the same thing. **Info** 80 E. 106th Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64114

Dog Licenses

Name Harry Keyes **Group** International Society of Animal License Collectors **Members** 100 **Newsletter** Paw Prints ($8/year) **Total Items** 7,000 **How began?** We began in 1981 by looking for a collectible something for my son. Then a friend gave me an older dog tag for Christmas, and I've been at it ever since. **When I die** The good tags would be purchased by other collectors. **How stored** Several loose leaf three-ring binders in coin pockets. My records are kept on a computer, indexed by state. **Where find?** Every flea market is a potential goldmine. **Anything else?** I have several hundred stamps. Do you know anyone who might be interested in buying them? **People say** I used to get strange looks. Dog tags are more established now. **Life Lessons** For me, collecting satisfies some itch, but it certainly isn't greed. No one will get rich collecting dog tags! **Looking for** Old metal tags, especially before 1900, and old dog collars, especially with fancy brass locks, clasps and studs. And look for the paper licenses (some very decorative). A nice handful of tags from the 1800s would put you right on top of my list of friends. **If starting over** No, I am well pleased. **Cost?** There is no defining the value or the market for dog tags. I have paid as much as $50 for one; others have reported paying as high as $200. Tags from before 1900 sell for $20 or so. **Info** 322 2nd St. SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404

Bus Tokens

Name The Rev. John M. Coffee **Group** American Vecturist Association **Members** 750 **Newsletter** The Fare Box ($16/year) **Total Items:** 20,000 metal and plastic fare tokens. **How began?** I collected coins and was a trolley fan when I lived in Washington, D.C., in 1943. Tokens were a logical marriage of the two interests. **Favorite** An 1861 horsecar token of the Chestnut & Walnut Passenger Railway in Philadelphia. Value about $4,000. Only three known to exist. **When I die** My best friend, Hal Ford of California. **How stored** I keep it in a bank vault. **Anecdote** Old Miss Mary Baker of Weatherford, Texas, whose father ran a horse-drawn line from 1879 to 1923. I published an article in the paper there; she responded and sold me some tokens. Two years later I visited Weatherford on the train. Turned out she was the most prominent resident of the town (age 90 then). I was met by newspaper reporters, cameras, the state representative, the mayor, and whisked to Miss Baker's home for a banquet. I never thought that such fame as I have would rest on something like this. **Where find?** Through the mail. Unexpected finds rarely, as when a 15-year-old boy in my church said his dad had an old token. Turned out to be an 1870 token of the old Troy & West Troy Bridge of Troy, New York, only the second known to exist. **Anything else?** Stamps, coins, cartoon art, real estate advertising tokens, transit tickets, railroad medals. **Life Lessons** I collect because I like transportation. Most people are wonderful, friendly, helpful, willing to do a lot for a stranger. **Looking for** The Gibbs U.S. Mail Stage Token of New York City. Issued about 1838, worth about $15,000. It's made of brass, 23mm in diameter, inscribed "Good for One Ride/To the Bearer." **Info** POB 1204, Boston, MA 02104

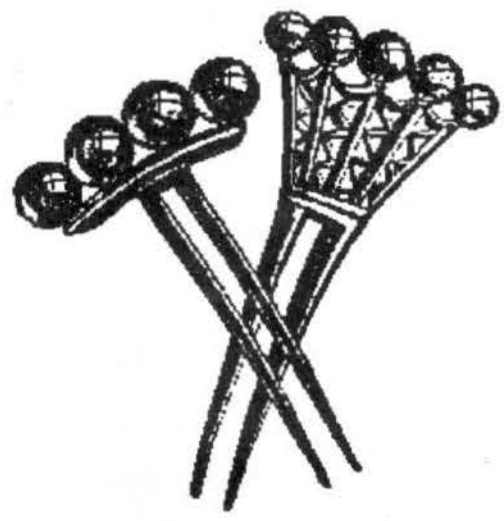


Thermometers

Name Warren Harris **Group** Thermometer Collectors Club of America **Members** 150 **Total Items** 500 antique, decorative and old poultry thermometers **How began?** I had a friend in Minneapolis who was doing the same thing around 1970, so I thought I'd be the first on the West Coast. **Favorite** I have five exquisite, intricately carved ivory English thermometers. **When I die** After I'm pushing daisies, I doubt my two college-age sons will be fighting each other over the spoils. **How stored** I keep them locked in file drawers. I don't want some drug-crazed burglar to trash them. **Anec-dote** A Houston public relations firm wanted a portrait of Gabriel Fahrenheit (1636-1736). Well, not only could I not find even so much as a tracing, but the great museums of Europe didn't have one. So I cut out a portrait from an old book, framed it, labeled it, and sent it to the company. They couldn't thank me enough. I wouldn't take their money, but did accept a bottle of champagne. **Where find?** Many of my recent finds are from England or France. Few, it seems, made it over the Rockies at the turn of the century. **Collect anything else?** My wife won't let me. **People say** My friends still think I have a collection of 500 rectal thermometers. But they're all assholes anyway (ha!) **Life Lessons** For me, collecting is a great linkage with the past. To think that everyone who crafted my thermometers is dead and buried. I also get a vicarious thrill because I have few artistic skills. **Looking for** Any old thermometer with mercury in it. **Cost?** $5,000 **Info** 6130 Rampart Dr., Carmichael, CA 95608

Combs

Name Belva Green **Group** Antique Comb Collectors Club **Members** 60 **Newsletter** Antique Comb Collector ($25/year) **How began?** Got first one in



1947; found a pretty comb at an auction in 1951 in a $3 junk box. Started collecting in 1970s. **Favorite** I prize the hair ornament that belonged to my mother. **When I die** Who would want it? I'd like to donate it to the tiny museum in my village in Michigan. **How stored** Displayed on glass shelves. Everything is catalogued, sketched, photocopied, photo-

graphed and numbered. I give slide-show lectures and often exhibit at libraries or college galleries. **Anecdote** I visited a comb museum in France once. Most were *made right there* in the Mountain Valley, starting with horn, boiserie, wood, tortoise shell and finally celluloid. I learned about it from the London-based Plastic Historical Society. **Where find?** Antique shows and shops. **Anything else?** Books. **People say** You must be a collector yourself, Chip, to think up that question! My friends often gift me with combs. **Life Lessons** I have learned about ancient world history from researching ancient headdresses and have compiled an illustrated book, "The Comb Collectors Companion." **Looking for** An ivory fancy comb! **If starting over** Something smaller, indestructable, less expensive, easier to care for. Maybe buttons? **Cost?** I'm on a fixed income so can't spend too much. Fortunately, dealers are happy to get rid of fancy combs because not many people are looking for them. **Info** 3748 Sunray Dr., Holiday, FL 34691

Baby Bottles

Name: Jo Ann Todd **Group** American Collectors of Infant Feeders **Members** 210 **Newsletter** Keeping Abreast ($25/year) **Total Items** Thousands of infant nursers, old infant food jars and tins, drugstore display cases, and items with baby bottles on them: postcards, advertising, figurines, wallpaper. **How began?** I started in 1973 when I asked at an antique shop to see an old clear glass turtle nurser from around 1890. My husband's grandmother had asked me in the early 1950s if I knew what they looked like when she was a young woman. I said yes, but I was too busy rearing my own two sons to find out until much later. **Favorite** A "Faultless Nipple Jar" is the most expensive item. It held nipples for sale on the druggist's counter. **When I die** A member of our group recently died and left instructions that her collection be sold as a whole. Her family wasn't able to do it. **How stored** I have display cases in five rooms. **Anecdote** The first artificial infant feeder was probably a cow's horn. A hole was made in the little end and a rag, chamois or sponge was tied on for the baby to suck on. Calves' teats also were used. This was 1000 to 2000 B.C. **Where find?** Antique shops, malls, flea markets, and sometimes ads in Bottles magazine. **Anything else?** Early on it was dolls, then cats, then stamps, coins, owls, rocks. I'm a born gatherer. **People say** People are often amazed to see what I have because they have *no* idea of our history of infant feeding! **Life Lessons** I enjoy the thrill of the hunt. **Looking for** A clear glass turtle bottle with "Mother's Darling I.D.CO" (Indianapolis Drug Co.) on it. **Info** 5161 W. 59th St., Indianapolis, IN 46254

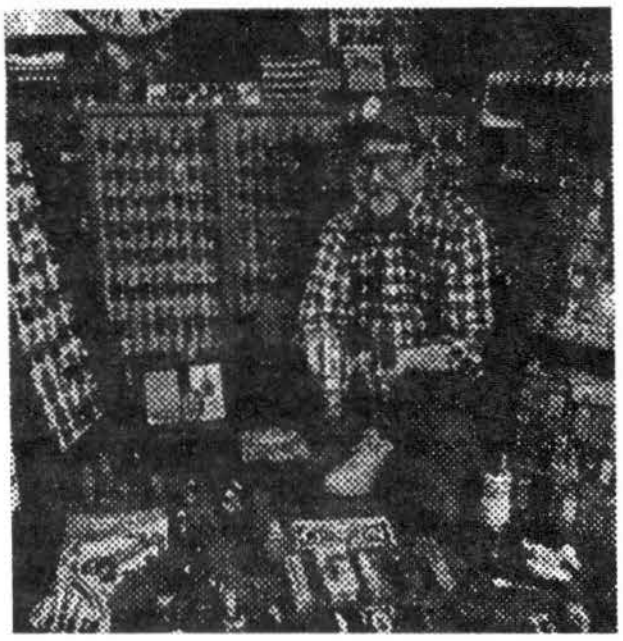
Smurf Items

Name Suzanne Lipschitz **Group** Smurf Collectors Club International **Members** 1,000 **Newsletter** Smurf Collectors Club Newsletter ($15/year) **Total Items** Thousands of two-inch figurines and collectibles. **How began?** I started collecting for my five-year-old son in 1979 as a reward for doing well in school. **When I die** My grandson (now 15 months old), if he shows interest. If not, my best Smurfy friend, the co-editor of our newsletter. **How stored** Display cases on the walls of one room. **Anecdote** When I appeared on News 12 in July 1992 as the "Smurf Lady." Also, that 90 percent of our members are adults. **Where find?** Belgium, France, Germany, England, Holland. Advertising and promotional figurines have rare mold and paint variations. **People say** Most of us are teased until people hear our stories and learn how many of us are out there. **Life Lessons** As my son, now 19, says on our TV taping: "It keeps her out of trouble." **Looking for** A paint variation I don't have! **If starting over** I would have set aside more room. **Cost?** $800 to $1,000 in a good year. **Info** 24 Cabot Road West, Massapequa, NY 11758

Angel Items

Name Winnie Bauman **Group** Angels of the World[2] **Members** 200 **Newsletter** Notes and Comments ($7/year) **Total Items** [No number] Figurines, books, tablecloths, sheets, curtains, etc. **How began?** I began seriously about 1979; others in club began much earlier, like 1949. **Favorite** A stained glass angel in circle made by a friend. **When I die** My granddaughter, now 8, will get collection. **How stored** All around our home. **Anecdote** We have a large angel cookie from Germany sprayed and framed on our dining room wall. **Where find?** I like to find angels that represent the area, for instance, a stained glass angel outlined in copper from Utah. **Anything else?** My major interest is angels. **People say** How do you clean them? **Life Lessons** Most of the people who collect angels are angelic. **If starting over** I would have started sooner. **Info** 2232 McKinley, St. Albans, WV 25177

2. Carol Puseman, an official with the competing Angel Collectors Club and editor of its newsletter, "Halo Everybody," did not respond.



Spark Plugs

Name Bill Bond **Group** Spark Plug Collectors of America **Members** 200 **Newsletter** Ignitor ($15/year) **Total Items** 2,000 **How began?** My interest in 1972 in antique hit & miss engines led to need for right plugs. **Favorite** W.B. Handee Quick Detachable, worth about $500. **How stored** Private museum. **Anecdote** Tell everyone you collect spark plugs, and they look at you like you have 13 ounces to the pound, until you tell them about the 4,000 brands and types. **Where find?** Car flea markets. **Anything else?** Early technology to antique motorcycles. **Life Lessons** Man is a natural pack rat. **If starting over** Nothing for a hobby; for money, you name it. **Info** POB 2229, Ann Arbor, MI 48106

Avon Items

Name Dwight Young **Group** National Association of Avon Collectors **Mem-bers** Several thousand **Newsletter** Avon Times ($17/year) **Total Items** 14,000 **How began?** My wife Vera bought the Avon Gold Cadillac aftershave decanter for me in 1969. **When I die** Four children will take collection. **How stored** Catalogued and displayed in lighted show cases. **Anecdote** How we found an old California Perfume Co. bottle (the original Avon name) at a flea market in Maine while on vacation. **Anything else?** Teddy bears, coins, bricks, barbed wire, miniature booze bottles, car banks. **People say** Most friends think it is a total waste of time and money. **Life Lessons** My dearest friends have been found through Avon collecting. **Looking for** I do not establish friends from gifts. **Info** POB 9868, Kansas City, MO 64134

Hot Wheels

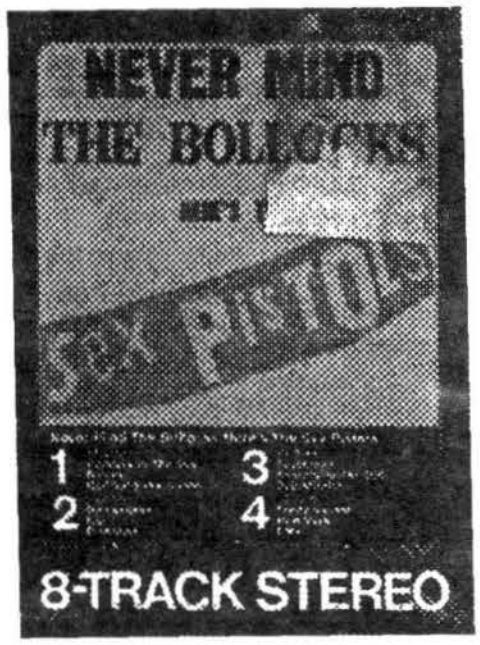
Name Chris Cutlass JeRue **Newsletter** Redline ($30/year) **Subscribers** 850 **Total Items** 75 **How began?** 1968. First Christmas released. Had a Blue Silhouette, but mom threw it out. **Favorite** Purple '32 Ford Vicky. **When I die** My oldest daughter. **How stored** In a carpeted drawer in a closet of drawers. Displayed by color as they best compliment each other. **Anecdote** I do not share those thoughts. **Anything else?** AFX slot cars. Compact discs. **People say** My collection is one of the few tangible items I can see and remember years gone by. **Life Lessons** I have been constantly reminded that people are more valuable than material objects as I witness others being hurt and causing pain. **Looking for** It would be inconsistent with my beliefs to ask for items in exchange for friendship. **If starting over** Not ever. **Info** POB 14099, Santa Rosa, CA 95402

Sand

Name William Diefenbach **Group** International Sand Collectors Society **Members** 400 **Newsletter** The Sand Paper ($5/year) **Total Items** 450. Nothing compared to one Dutch collector who has more than 4,000. But mine all mean something to me. **How began?** Brought back a sample of sand from the Caribbean after vacationing there. **Favorite** Little value in sand! I guess the sample that cost the most to get is from the Pacific Depths, 17,000 feet down, brought up by the Glomar Explorer, the CIA cover-up ship. One of my favorites is sand from the Green River Valley in Nepal, it's purple and on the trail to Mt. Everest. **When I die** Three of our members have given their collections to museums. **How stored** Six large custom-built spice racks, and shoe boxes with 25-cent coin containers. **Anecdote** An (annoyed) friend was driven an hour out of Bombay just to get some "very special" sand. When we arrived, my friend jumped out, scooped up a film container full, and found himself looking into the barrel of a guard's rifle. Our driver quickly translated and the guard smiled and with a wave of his hand let the sample be taken! **Life Lessons** None, but a lot about geography! **Looking for** Moon sand. **Info** 43 Highview Ave., Old Greenwich, CT 06870

8-Track Tapes

Name F.R. Forster **Newsletter** 8-Track Mind ($8/year) **Subscribers** 75 **Total Items** 500 tapes, 7 players **How began?** I was bequeathed a player and some choice tapes by a neighbor leaving town in 1988. **Favorite** My Madonna tapes, Issac Hayes (especially "Buttered Soul"), the GTOs' "Permanent Damage." **When I die** Hopefully Christine Williams, our youngest contributor (age 16) **How stored** In my basement. Alphabetized by artist and title. **Where find?** Garage sales, thrift stores, friends. The band Gumball recently acquired a warehouse full for $400. **Life Lessons** 8-track collecting has certain social/political implications involving issues of corporate manipulation, planned obsolescence and non-conformity. As expressed in 8-Track Mind's "8 Noble Truths," "progress" and "technology"



should not be pursued as ends in themselves but rather means to a larger end. Collecting can be a healthy outlet for each person's obsessive/compulsive tendencies. Don't let the recent wave of '70s nostalgia fool you. Tracking is a much deeper and more meaningful activity than Rolling Stone would ever be willing to admit. **Looking for** Lou Reed's "Metal Machine Music," Dead Boys' "Young, Loud and Snotty," any Ramones, "Yardbirds Live with Jimmy Page." **If starting over** No way. I've had too many good times and made many good friends. In fact, I've been so impressed by the tracking community that I intend to film a documentary on the subject next year. **Cost?** A sealed copy of the Sex Pistols' "Never Mind the Bollocks" just sold for $100 in Texas, but most are only a few dollars. **Info** POB 90, E. Detroit, MI 48021

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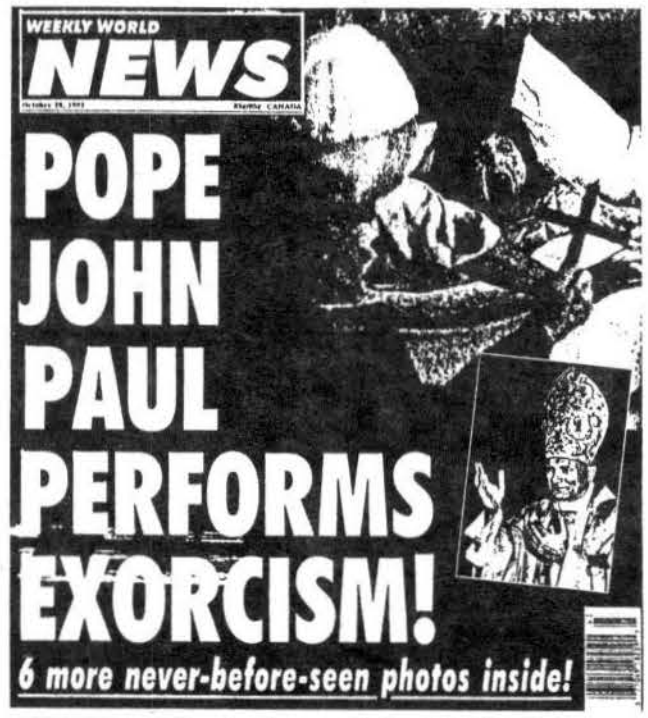

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Weight Loss (*also see Obesity*)
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"Minister has proof: ... ARE real!" 9-14

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"Judge sends man to slammer—for ... at pretty gal!" 8-10
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"Waco wacko forgot to sign $75G will!" 9-7
"Weird and Wacky Wills From Around the World!" 9-21

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Words, Magic
"... cure doc's cancer!" 9-7

World, End of the
"Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse photographed in Argentina!" (photo) 8-24
"Serena, will the world end in the year 2000?" 8-24 (*see Sabak, Serena*)

Worms (*see Earthworms; Tapeworms*)

Wrestling
"Mongolian wild man wants U.S. ... title!" 9-7
"Tuxedo ... draws huge crowds in Portugal!" 10-5

Zine Reviews

XYY John Kelly bills his funny and entertaining magazine as "thrill-packed tales of genetic defectives!" Among the tidbits: an interview with Bud Adams, the 90-year-old owner of S.S. Adams Co., the "world's largest manufacturer of practical jokes and magic tricks since 1906." Among other trivia, Bud recalls how he stopped making itching powder after it sent some people to the hospital and how his father turned down a chance to market whoopee cushions. There's also a recollection by a former member of Jerry Lewis' staff about how moody and cruel Lewis was; a visit to the Billy Graham Museum in Wheaton, Illinois; a clever bit where someone wrote in different dialogue for Dave Berg's inane "The Lighter Side of..." strips from Mad; and ten little-known facts about Joseph Stalin. My favorite: Although a bloodthirsty tyrant, the Russian dictator was only 5-foot-4! There's also a review of the strange autobiography of Chuck ("The Gong Show") Barris, "Confessions of a Dangerous Mind," which was spooky in that the day before I read the review, I had just seen a copy in a used book store and seriously considered buying it. Life is full of regrets *($3.50 from 82 Kimball Ave., Yonkers, NY 10704).*

Slubberdegullion This is the first British zine I've ever reviewed, but Nigel Richardson's essays are well worth the extra postage to request a copy. Nigel lives in Leeds, where I taught at a basketball camp once, so I know how it feels. He has a few zine reviews and letters here, but the soul of Slubberdegullion (defined by one reference as "a nasty, paltry fellow") are Nigel's thoughts on everything from his job as a computer programmer to a girl he knows who used to be a heavy-metal slut. He writes:

> These days I come home from work and no longer feel the urge to do something creative to redeem the stolen day. When life seemed really shitty I would sit in front of my computer desperate to write something—*anything*—that might help make sense of my situation, and I would feel a terrible sense of defeat when I finally fell asleep, as I was being robbed of another day, surrendering another irreclaimable slice of my life. Now it's no big deal.

Wish I could get there, Nigel. He also notes:

> I'm surprised never to have seen this in print before—that the worse paid a person is the more expensive it would be to replace them with a machine. Take an office cleaner. How much would it cost to develop a machine that could move around an entire office block, scrubbing, polishing and hoovering all the appropriate surfaces, cleaning desks and putting all the papers and clutter back where it was afterwards, replacing toilet rolls, filling soap dispensers, unblocking urinals, etc., etc. More than £2.5 an hour, or whatever office cleaners get paid. And inversely, most of the guys you find at board level could be replaced by second-hand computers.

($1 from 9 Windsor Green, East Garforth, Leeds LS25 2LG England).

The L.A. Gang Bang This zine has been around forever, but I just got a copy. It's a regular update of the activities and adventures of Gary, Lee, Mary and Valorie (they're up to issue 60). They do regular stuff, but it's still fun to read about. Gary, for example, relates how he felt like a nerd talking to this guy at a comic book convention about the Green Hornet, and Mary explains how this brat splashed her three times at the public pool and his mother got mad at her for scolding him. There are also surveys of their friends on topics such as "The Most Useless Thing I've Ever Purchased" or "Your Most Interesting Relative" *($1 from POB 7550, Burbank, CA 91510).*

The Harveyville Fun Times! Even though I sold my Richie Rich comic book collection years ago (see page 3), I still was instantly intrigued by the idea of a zine devoted to Harvey Comics. Besides Richie, there's Little Lulu, Casper the Friendly Ghost, Underdog, Tom & Jerry, Woody Woodpecker, Beetle Bailey, Wendy, the Jetsons, etc. etc. The best article in this issue (Vol 3, No 11) was a detailed examination of the villians Richie has faced, such as the Onion, who used his bad breath to knock you out, and Dr. N-R-Gee, who had a giant light bulb for a head and could start fires. There was also a special appearance once by Richard Nixon! I enjoyed the introduction to this issue, written by one of the editors, Amy Arnold:

> Why do I like Harvey Comics?.... I enjoy entering a sweeter, more fun, and magical world.... Its crooks are bumbling or easily foiled by smart and good hearted people .... Its moms and dads are nice.... Rich people help the poor. Scientists work for the good of mankind without hurting helpless animals. Witches and ghosts want to make friends.... And the beauty of it is, the worst criminals, witches, ghosts or other magical bad-guys never kill or torture people.

Amy...that was beautiful! *($2 from 1464 LaPlaya, #105, San Francisco, CA 94122).*

dishwasher Pete Jordan, 26, has a mission: Wash dishes in all 50 states. Issue #7 finds Pete at a cafe in Boulder, Colorado, #8 at an Alaskan fish cannery, #9 at a seafood restaurant in New Hampshire, #10 is a special comics issue, and #11 at restaurants in Montana, California and Ohio. Pete has a good attitude about his job, and a sense of humor. "Why is there this assumption that dishwashers are the bottom rung of some sort of career-climbing ladder?" he asks. Among the articles is a list of the food he ate during one shift: two bagels with cream cheese, bowl of cereal, bowl of fruit, banana, two muffins, strawberry pancakes, cheesecake, two sundaes, swiss and tomato sandwich, french fries and five glasses of juice or milk. And things he does for fun on the job: toss lemon slices into the garbage disposal, ignore the waitress that the male customers fawn over, snack on uneaten food, jump and touch the ceiling, float plates on the sink water, use the spray hose to spin metal mixing bowls, play dominoes, read the newspaper in the john. After reading Pete's adventures, I'm more convinced than ever that a clean plate is like a clean soul—you can see yourself *($1 from POB 4827, Arcata, CA 95521).*

Are Traffic Laws Really Necessary? Clarence Shak is a former instructor in mathematics at the University of Hawaii. It's *former* because now Clarence spends his time lobbying for an end to all traffic laws except reckless driving. For a stamped, self-addressed envelope, he'll gladly send you a copy of his thoughts on the subject. His argument is a bit hard to follow, something about how getting traffic tickets deprives us of our Constitutional right to the pursuit of happiness. He spends a lot of time analyzing the fine print on a ticket he got that had "Notice to Appear" on top of it. Clarence was miffed because the ticket is actually only notice that the officer will file a complaint *if* you don't pay the fine by the indicated date. So you're being asked to pay off the court not to take action against you! If they'd just synchronize the traffic lights in this part of the country, I'd be happy *(POB 15133, Honoluli, HI 96830).*

Sparky's Night of Terror! A terrific collection of cartoons by Kit Lively, two of which are reproduced here. They're kind of like the Far Side, but more offbeat and often much more funny. I loved it *($2 from Rt. 2, Box 146, Celina, TX 75009).*

Rediscoveries Mark Harris, who used to own a bookstore in Chicago, wrote me a long letter after he received CC No. 7: "I loved all the stuff on couponing. I've run hot and cold on the use of coupons myself, chiefly because the process seems so *time-consuming*. My favorite coupons are those restaurant offers for a second entree of equal or lesser value free. What a deal!" I hear you, Mark! The zine Mark does is a list of great but overlooked or forgotten books, as chosen and described by Rediscoveries' readers. I don't read too many

books, so I passed along the nomination forms to my good friend Heather, who eats books for dinner (she has ink running from the corners of her mouth). I'll recommend "The Razor's Edge," though. That was a good one. And I read "Slaughterhouse Five" about five times. I don't think either of those are lost, though *($1 from 3712 N. Broadway, #190, Chicago, IL 60613).*

Tabula Rasa The reference, of course, is to John Locke's theory that everyone is born a blank slate, ready to be formed by his or her individual experiences and environment. Good theory. The first issue of Bill Roussel's zine about childhood memories is a haphazard collection of funny tales about morning breakfast rituals from various of Bill's friends. There's also reviews of modern breakfast cereals and readers' lists of the top five and worst five breakfasts. Yummy *($1 from POB 6, Ancramdale, NY 12503).*

Saprophile If you like Murder Can Be Fun (*see CC No. 6*), you'll enjoy Saprophile. In his second issue, Eric Landmark takes a look at the making of the A-bomb, how superhighways came about (Hitler invented them!), how brevity can make a joke more funny, and the drastic changes to popular culture that occurred during 1963. It saves you a lot of reading if you're interested in bombs, superhighways, brevity or 1963, and even if you're not, it's still interesting *($1.50 from 714 E. Johnson, #2, Madison, WI 53703).*

Flake A bit pricey at $5, but it does have a nice color cover. The coolest thing is the reproductions of dozens of old cereal boxes, front and back, but there's also a detailed history of superheroes in cereal box packaging and promotion. The editor, Scott Bruce, will also sell you color laser copies of old boxes if you're nostalgic (cereal not included) *(POB 481, Cambridge, MA 02140).*

SPARKY'S NIGHT OF TERROR BEGINS WITH AN OMINOUS PHONE CALL FROM A MYSTERIOUS, PSYCHOTIC STRANGER!
RING RING
BUT SPARKY, BEING A DOG AND UNABLE TO UNDERSTAND SUCH THINGS, CANNOT ANSWER THE PHONE.
RING RING RING RING
THUS, SPARKY'S NIGHT OF TERROR HAS ENDED.
RING RING
RING RING

Television

The Most Trusted Man in America

Doug James, a high school and college teacher in Mobile, Alabama, spent 15 years researching his 1991 biography, "Walter Cronkite: His Life & Times" and knows pretty much all there is to know about the former CBS newsman. I interviewed Doug for a small magazine, but they didn't publish the juicy parts.

You spent some time with his mother, Helen Fritsche Cronkite. You're even on her Christmas card list. How did you meet?

I knew Helen was living in Washington, D.C., so I phoned her and she was very receptive. We wrote regularly until her eyesight got bad, and now we phone. Walter is still her little boy.

Did Walter do anything as a kid that would drive her crazy?

No, she never would say that.

You mention in the book that Walter likes striptease acts. Can you elaborate?

It's never been a *sleaze* thing. He and wife Betsy have a wholesome interest in this form of entertainment. He does a parody striptease at parties, where he takes off his jacket. It's a joke with his friends. It's healthy, I think.

I don't know. I've never been to one. It's not that I'm not interested—I don't have the nerve a lot of folks do.

Has anyone ever told you that you look a bit like Walter?

No, I think I look more like John Chancellor.

At one point in the book you write, "If the book reads like a homage to a nearly perfect man, I believe I have not exaggerated." Do you think that's stretching it?

I really don't. When you think about the people who produce the news, how many are there? And who comes to mind as the best?

There are no glaring faults Walter might have to work on?

Not a single one. Isn't that incredible?

Have you ever had dreams about him?

No.

You mention in the book that Walter had suggested you visit his opthalmologist for an eye problem you had. It sounds like you were close.

You should have seen my eye. At that point, my left eye was blood-red. He has eye troubles too, and had to go to the contacts and things. It looked terrible, so I'm sure it was just him helping a man out.

What did Walter usually have for lunch when he was anchoring?

He had what his assistants called a "Cronkite Special"—a leaf of lettuce with some cottage cheese and a slice of pineapple. And sometimes Metrocal.

If there was only one thing you could tell me about Walter that would sum him up, what would it be?

There was a photograph of him in Life where he's on his yacht where he's wearing his sailor's hat and I think a striped shirt. His life has been like a Frank Capra movie.

Besides boating, does he have any other hobbies?

He's really been a daredevil. He's dived in a submarine under the Arctic ice cap; he flew in one of the planes when they were testing for zero gravity, where they do a flip to make you weightless; and he did the hot air ballooning thing in France with Malcolm Forbes but crash-landed. The balloon came down too fast and dragged him across the pasture. He did the sports car racing for a while, and he rolled off a mountain in the Smokies.

What's Always True on TV

By Mike Steiner[1]

1. If a woman is running away from someone, she will trip and fall.
2. Your car will always start immediately unless you are being chased by a maniacal killer or a monster of genetic creation.
3. Good guys always shoot better than bad guys.
4. Good guys are always outnumbered.
5. Good guys are always good looking.
6. Teenagers who have sex are destined to die in grotesque ways.
7. Court cases are all solved with a surprise witness.
8. Cars will explode in all accidents.
9. Haunted houses are never locked.
10. Good guys will only get shot in the arm or leg.
11. All Asian people know karate.
12. Whenever there's a thunderstorm, someone will be murdered.
13. Teenagers can access any computer by using their PCs.
14. When someone is dead or dying, there will be a trickle of blood from the corner of their mouth.
15. Christmas Eve and Halloween night last for three or four days.
16. Police never wait for backup.
17. Undercover cops are never spotted.
18. Nobody ever has trouble finding great parking spots when they're in a hurry.
19. High school students look 30 years old.
20. No one ever does housework, but everyone's home is always clean.
21. Street vendors' carts are magnetically attracted to high-speed car chases.
22. Everyone knows how to pick a lock with one tool.
23. The group always splits up to look for the alien.
24. When in any potentially threatening situation, the protagonist always enters dark rooms by backing in.
25. People of diametrically opposed personalities always attract one another and teach each other invaluable lessons in life.
26. Bad guys always fully explain their master plans to the good guys before killing them, and the good guys end up being rescued by others who would not have had time to arrive if the bad guys had just killed them right off.
27. Handicapped people always live full, happy, and productive lives and never harbor any negative feelings about their limitations.
28. Somewhere in everybody's house or yard is a hidden gateway to hell or some other extra-dimensional space or parallel universe.

1. This is an edited version of a list Mike posted on the computer online service, CompuServe.

What would be the perfect gift for Walter?
I was looking at the Tiffany's catalog last fall, and I thought if I ever make any money there's a pair of cuff links that are gold and porcelain of little anchors or ship wheels.
What's his favorite color?
Hmmmm. Probably blue, I don't know, with water and the sky and sailing.
Tell me about his disastrous experience on the CBS morning show in 1954.
There are pictures of him with a huge ostrich and other puppets, Humphrey the Hound Dog and Charlemagne the Lion. He was almost like a ringmaster in a circus, and he was expected to cavort with these animals and read the news. But it was just too ambitious.
Why is it people trust Walter?
It's that comfortable look. He's not skinny, he's not fat, he's just pleasantly plump.
There's no chance that deep down he's a scoundrel?
Not a chance! Knowing his mother, I just couldn't believe that. ✍

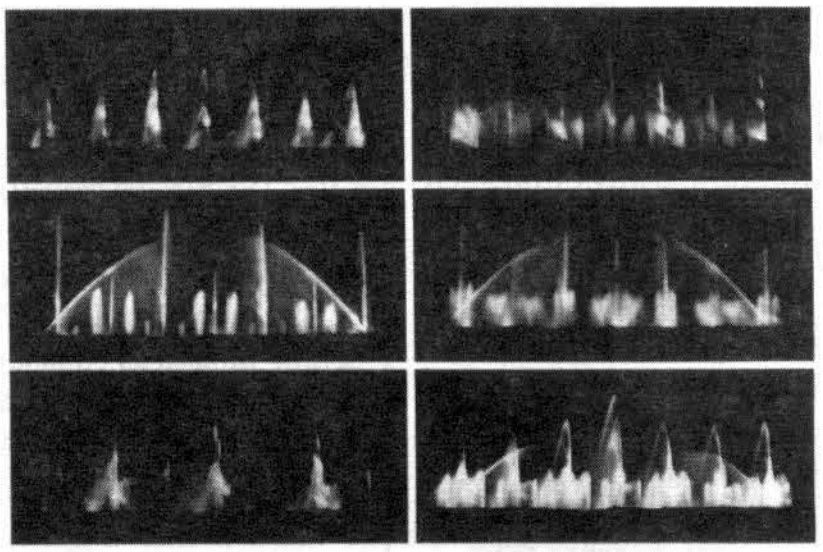
Music

Fond Memories of a Fountain That Shot Water in the Air with Brightly Colored Lights and an Inspiring Musical Program

Besides being known for its beautiful beaches, my hometown of Grand Haven, Michigan, is home to the world's largest musical fountain. Every summer night from the fourth grade on, when my family moved across town from Taylor to Lake Street, I could hear the Fountain play its various 15-minute musical programs at precisely 9:45 p.m. each summer night as I tried to fall asleep. Its serenade signaled that I was staying up really late. Then, after the Fountain finished and everyone went home, you could hear the waves lapping again.

Whenever a relative or guest came to town, my parents always insisted we walk down to see the Fountain. My dad usually bribed us with ice cream. I've probably seen the Fountain 50 times in my life, including every Fourth of July. They have a patriotic show before the fireworks, but for us veterans it was like having to sit through the commercials before the movie starts.

The Fountain is actually a bunch of high-powered valves shooting water streams into the air across the channel where they have bleachers where you can sit and watch. But the locals never sat there; if you were a local, you sat in the grass in Bicentennial Park, on a blanket. Each show begins with a little blue flume about 10 feet high and a calming male baritone, "Welcome. I am the voice of the Musical Fountain" while Richard Strauss' theme from "2001: A Space Odyssey" booms in the background. After the intro, the musical program begins and the water shoots skyward, varying in its color and height with the ebb and flow of the music. That computer-age synchonization must have created quite a stir when the Fountain was completed in 1963 after the community raised the necessary funds and moved about 50,000 yards of sand from the dunes to make room. Unlike the Mackinac Bridge, no one died during construction, and city officials immediately began bragging that it was the largest musical fountain ever made. When I was 17 and an intern at the local paper, I heard a rumor that there was a larger fountain in Germany. But I'd seen how much everyone loved the Fountain and figured it wouldn't be a good idea to pursue the story too vigorously.


The many personalities of the Musical Fountain.

A few years ago, I bought "The Official Musical Fountain Souvenir Book" (Pippel-Patterson Co., 1965, 50 cents) at a garage sale for a nickel. It first apologized to readers for its poor attempt to "capture some of the fountain's infinite variety of color and form. Your memory must suffice to capture the enchantment of the musical accompaniment. This is difficult, we know, for it is like recalling 'Swan Lake' just from seeing colored pictures of the dancers. But it's the best we can offer."

I always did think it was cool how they synchronized the water and colors to change with the music. "During its performance, the Fountain responds so subtly, so delicately, so beautifully to the changes in musical mood and tempo that most observers have but one thought to express their awe: 'Why, it's almost human!' " Yikes! It is also fascinating to read how the fountain works: Enough water for 800 bathtubs (40,000 gallons) is pumped up from the Grand River to the fountain's basin, where it sits 12 inches deep. The water is then pumped through a 16-inch main by 300-horsepower motors at the rate of 4,000 gallons per minute (a garden hose delivers about 10 gallons per minute). There are then 8,000 feet of pipe, 300 valves and 1,300 nozzles that send the water 100 feet into the air as the equivalent of 1,000 100-watt light bulbs illuminate the flumes with color. The programs are coordinated by computer punch cards that allow some 1,875,352,500,000,000 variations. To cover them all, it would take 20 million years and 4 billion miles of computer tape.

I remember every summer waiting for the night they'd play Beatles songs. One summer they even did a Led Zeppelin program, and I thought I was losing it and had to rush outside to make sure it wasn't just some greaser fixing his car with his stereo blasting. Usually they only play classical and big band music, so it was a real treat to hear music from after 1960. I remember they once played the Beatles' "A Day in the Life," and at the end when there's that pause, all the water dropped back into the basin as the valves shut off. Then BAM! a wall of orange water rose into the air with the crescendo. I thought it was awesome, but I didn't clap or anything. As a local, you had to maintain this bored look about the Fountain, like you were only there

because it was a nice night and you'd been wandering around.

When I was in college, my friend's little brother's summer job was rowing across the river to start the Fountain every night. He always said he'd take me but I guess he forgot. I always wondered how he started it, whether it was a big light switch or something. He had to sit there until the show was over and then row back. That was his *whole* summer job. I once did see the bowels of the Fountain in elementary school during a field trip, but it was during the day and just looked like a big heating coil. It must have been in the winter, because there was no water in the basin.

The Musical Fountain was a huge part of my growing up, but it's still odd to look back and realize how much I miss it. When you heard the Fountain kick in on Memorial Day, you knew the long summer days would soon arrive! The Fountain helped me mark time; its music was always there, like a lullaby. Someday I'd like to row across the Grand and stand in the Fountain's basin as it begins its musical program, my arms spread wide as I bath in its colorful baptismal. But I've moved too far away to even hear the Fountain anymore or the lap lap lap of the waves. I remember dancing with my first girlfriend on the picnic tables at the beach, and the cool lake breeze on the back of my neck, and the Fountain music sneaking along the lakeshore, and I kissed her. I was happy. ✍

Movies

Drills on Film

Because National Dental Hygiene Month is just around the corner[1], and because the editor of this publication has a tragically dull life[2], we've prepared an overview of some of our favorite Hollywood dental visits:

Dentist W.C. Fields **Film** The Dentist (1932) **Patient** Miss Macy **Reason for Visit** Toothache. **Treatment** "Doc" straddles Macy to get plier grip on bad tooth; they bounce scandalously around room.[3] **Outcome?** Patient flees. **Best Line** "This won't hurt you—much."

Dentist Biff Grimes (James Cagney)[4] **Film** The Strawberry Blonde (1941) **Patient** William Grimes (Alan Hale Sr.)[5] **Reason for Visit** Biff receives dentistry course in mail and jolly Irish dad offers aching molars as educational tool. **Treatment** Select random tooth to yank after administering nitrous oxide from hobby tank. **Outcome?** Unjustly convicted of fraud, Biff finishes coursework in prison. **Best Line** "As soon as I get my first patient, I'm going to quit that milk route!"

Dentist Herbie the Elf **Film** Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer (1964) **Patient** Abominable Snowman **Reason for Visit** Sharp incisors threaten protagonists. **Treatment** Yank all after patient pushed over cliff. **Outcome?** Herbie opens North Pole practice; Abominable joins forces of good. **Best Line** With Rudolph. "You don't mind my red nose?" "Not if you don't mind me being a dentist." "It's a deal!"

Olivia de Havilland and James Cagney show off their dental work in "The Strawberry Blonde," a Closet Cleaner favorite.

Dentist Dr. Schatz, a.k.a. Chief Inspector Jacque Clouseau (Peter *Sellers*) **Film** The Pink Panther Strikes Again (1976) **Patient** Former Chief Inspector Dreyfus (Herbert Lom) **Reason for Visit** Hard candy damaged premolar. **Treatment** Place "special anesthetic cotton wool" over patient's eyes before searching for clues. Share nitrous oxide; place feet on patient's chest for leverage and yank wrong tooth. **Outcome?** Clouseau is recognized but escapes despite being doubled over in nitrous oxide-induced laughter. **Best Line** "I normally don't mecca hassle calls in the metal of the gnat."

Dentist Christian Szell (Laurence Olivier) **Film** Marathon Man (1976) **Patient** Gabe Levy (Dustin Hoffman) **Reason for Visit** Nazi Szell tortures Levy while asking cryptically, "Iz it safe?" **Treatment** Dig into cavity, relieve with oil of cloves. Service healthy teeth with aging drill that plugs into wall outlet. **Outcome?** Levy triumphs but faces years of dentiphobia. **Best Line** "Please don't worry. I'm not going into that cavity…. A freshly cut nerve is infinitely more sensitive."

Dentist Dr. Miles (Robert Webber) **Film** "10" (1979) **Patient** George Webber (Dudley Moore) **Reason for Visit** Smitten with Miles' daughter (Bo Derek), Webber schedules check-up to learn more. **Treatment** Doc finds and fills six cavities. **Outcome?** Webber ingests pain pills and brandy for days. **Best Line** Hygenist, after Miles notes his daughter's vacation plans in Mexico, reminds Webber to brush his "dientes," then giggles.

1. February. 2. Originally this material was prepared for "In Touch," a magazine for dental hygenists, but the article fell through because all the movies involved dentists, not hygenists. 3. An amazing scene for 1932; hard to mistake it for anything but spirited simulated fucking. The short unfortunately also contains an anti-Semetic scene where bats fly out of a Jewish rabbi's beard as he sits in the dentist chair; 4. By far the best dentist film of the bunch; 5. Father of *Alan Hale Jr.*, who played Skipper on "Gilligan's Island."

Dentist Sheldon Kornpett (Alan Arkin) **Film** The In-Laws (1979) **Patient** Mrs. Adelman[6] **Reason for Visit** Dentures **Treatment** Patient abandoned as Kornpett runs errand for future in-law, CIA agent Vince Ricardo (Peter Falk). **Outcome?** Mouthpiece bonds to patient's teeth. **Best Line** Ricardo [as men face Latin American firing squad]: "Spare this man, General. He's a dentist from New York, a city in which there are thousands of Spanish-speaking people who stand in dire need of extensive bridgework." Kornpett: "That was it?! The dental thing? I'm a dead man!"

Dentist Bruce "Dr. Slick" Fleckstein (Joe Mantegna) **Film** Compromising Positions (1985) **Patient** Judith Singer (Susan Sarandon) **Reason for Visit** Gum surgery. **Treatment** Pokes around, then wipes spittle sensuously from Singer's lip. **Outcome?** Doc killed in office; Judith solves the crime. **Best Line** "I can't believe I opened my mouth to someone who got murdered!"

Dentist Orin Serivello (Steve Martin) **Film** Little Shop of Horrors: The Musical (1986)[7] **Patient** Seymour Krelborn (Rick Moranis) **Reason for Visit** Angered by sadist abuse of beautiful Audrey, Seymour plans to feed Serivello to carnivorous plant. **Treatment** Drill while high on nitrous. **Outcome?** Serivello accidentally gasses himself, becomes plant food. **Best Line** Doc [singing]: "Say aah!" Patient: "Aaaaaaaahhhhhh!" Doc [singing]: "Say aah!" ✍

Hacks on Film

As a journalist, I've seen my share of films that portray reporters as loathsome, bumbling, foul-mouthed, dim-witted social misfits concerned only with twisting the truth into scandal. The truth of that portrayal aside, we deserve better. Here's a few suggestions for the film types among the Closet Cleaner's readers the next time a journalist pops up in a screenplay:

- Let us pack some heat once in a while. Other film mainstays—cops, cowboys, soldiers—always have a weapon handy when snarling bad guys appear from around the corner. Journalists? We hide. "Careful with that," we plead, our hands shaking. "It might be loaded!"

- Let us save mankind once or twice. A film might depict journalists poring over public documents, interviewing passersby and pounding at our computers as the presses roll. The finale: a banner USA Today headline: "Evil Genius Perfects Nuclear Device in Mountain Hideaway—Confession, Directions Inside."

- Allow us to win the girl (or guy). During one of the obligatory scenes of a pack of rabid reporters hounding the film's protagonist, have the hero stop in his or her tracks and eye one of the journalists. "That's a very good question," the lead can say, "and I think I've fallen in love with you."

- Show us winning awards.

- Give us some authority. Say terrorists hole up at the National Archives, threatening to destroy the Constitution. Riding atop the Bill of Rights as it rises from its steel case, our correspondent arrives just before deadline to save the day. Asked why she didn't slip, she nods toward her steel-tipped boot, which is toeing the First Amendment.

Now *that's* a movie I'd pay to see, Mr. Hollywood Producer. ✍

6. Not clear from the credits who played her.
7. The original version, with Jack Nicholson playing a masochist patient (the role played by Bill Murray in the 1986 version), is painfully boring except for his performance.

Back Issues

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